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Service Date- December 2, 1996

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD'

DECISION

No. 416342

NATIONAL BEEF PACKING CO.--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF J.H. WARE TRUCKING INC.

No. 41641

VULPLEX, INC.--PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER--
CERTAIN RATES AND PRACTICES OF J.H. WARE TRUCKING INC.

Decided: December 24, 1997

By decisions served October 25, 1995, the ICC established procedural schedules in these proceedings. Due dates were extended by subsequent decisions. Petitioners' opening statements were due on November 8, 1996.

By letter filed December 20, 1996, petitioners request a further extension of time to January 8, 1997, to file their opening statements. Petitioners state that respondent does not oppose the extension request.

The request will be granted and the procedural schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

It is ordered:

1. Petitioners' extension request is granted.
2. Petitioners' opening statement is due on January 8, 1997.
3. Respondent's reply is due on February 7, 1997.
4. Petitioners' rebuttal is due on February 27, 1997.
5. This decision is effective on the service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ On December 29, 1995, the President signed the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, log Stat. 803 (ICC Termination Act or the Act). Effective January 1, 1996, the Act abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred various ICC functions to a newly created Surface Transportation Board (Board), including the resolution of issues in motor carrier undercharge proceedings, 49 U.S.C. 13709-13711.

² These proceedings are not consolidated. A single decision is being issued for administrative convenience.

